

REMARKS

The Applicant makes the forgoing amendments to place the Claims in condition for allowance. The Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 8 and canceled Claims 5 and 12. These amendments should not necessitate a new search because the subject matter added to independent Claims 1 and 8 previously appeared in dependent Claims 5 and 12 submitted with the original application. Accordingly, Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-14 and 21-24. are currently pending in the application.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 5, 6, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. While the Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's basis of rejection the claims as previously submitted, they have presently amended independent Claims 1 and 8, incorporating the elements of Claims 5 and 12, respectively, as suggested by the Examiner and have canceled Claims 5 and 12 to expedite prosecution of the present application. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass all of the currently pending Claims to issue.

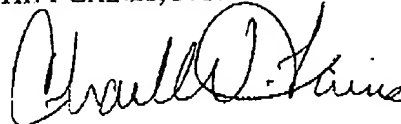
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a timely Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-14 and 21-24.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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